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1. The Air Force District No 3 (Letecky Okruh (Tyl)) on Panenska Street, in BRATISLAVA (P 49/X 99) had the Voj. Utv. No 5403.

2. Organization:

CO: Col Julius TRNKA, simultaneously CO of the 4th Air Div in TRENCIN (P 49/T 58).*

Chief of Staff and Deputy CO: Lt Col JANDUREK, a Czech, Communist.

I Department (Operations and Training): Maj (General Staff) Ladislav HRON.

II Department (Intelligence): Capt MICHALIK.

III Department (Signal Communications): Staff Capt Georg MEDVOC.

IV Department (Personnel): Maj OSVALD.

V Department (GBZ): Col Ivan NOVOTNY, a Czech, Communist.

Department in charge of Mobilization: Staff Capt POSPISIL.

Information and Education Department: Maj Johann ZUBRIK, a Communist.

Meteorological Department: Staff Capt Robert KTRIBUS.

Motor Vehicles and Fuel Section: Staff Capt HAJDU, a Hungarian, an anti-Communist.

Headquarters Office: Staff Capt POKORNY, an anti-Communist.

3. Higher and lower units:

a. Superior headquarters: Main Headquarters of the Air Force Command in PRAQUE.

b. Assigned units: The following air bases permanently used by tactical units were assigned to the Air Force District for supply and administrative purposes:

Air Force Base in PLSTANY (P 49/T 44)

Air Force Base in TRENCIN (P 49/T 58)

Air Force Base in TRI DUBY (ZVOLEN) (P 49/C 78)

Air Force Base in MA

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Air Force Base in POPRAD (Q 50/L 63)
Air Force Base in NITRA (P 42/T 62). **

The VAJNORY (P 4/T 09) airfield was being operated by a company of the PLESTARY Air Base.

The POPRAD (Q 50/L 91) Air Base was dissolved since it was no longer needed and the local atmospheric conditions were unfavorable.

4. Missions of the Air Force District:

- a. Initial organization and equipment of air units, drafting of personnel, procurement of materiel, also in case of mobilization.
- b. Repair and maintenance of airfields, of equipment and aircraft through the available workshops and magazines.
- c. Current supply of the air units with aircraft material, fuel, and food rations.
- d. Assignments of officer and E replacements, detachment of personnel to the Air Force Flying and Technical Schools.

5. Missions of the Air Bases:

- a. Supply of the air units located at the assigned airfields in correspondence with the pertinent missions of the Air Force District.
- b. In case of mobilization, the Air Bases, for tactical matters, are assigned to the Air Division. In this case they have the position of an Air Force Regiment. Supplies and technical service will remain the responsibility of the Air Bases also in the event of mobilization. ***

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Comment:

The presence of the Hq of the Air Force District No 3 confirmed previous information. The organization of this headquarters and the personnel assigned to it were reported for the first time. Of the officers mentioned in the report only Maj ZUBRIK is known. ZUBRIK was mentioned in the press in connection with an address delivered by him in Slovakia in 1947.

- * Col FRANKA allegedly is the CO of Air Force District No 3 and of the 4th Air Div. til now, Col LISICKY had been assumed to be the CO of the 4th Air Div (last mentioned as such in 1948). The change in the command of this Air Division has not been confirmed by other sources.
- ** Information on the Air Bases assigned to Air Force District No 3 is considered credible. According to another source, the PLESTARY and POPRAD Air Bases are, however, assigned to Air Force District No 1.
- *** Information on the missions of the Air Bases confirmed previous information.

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